



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**SLAMDiabetes Day**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island recognizes the importance of diagnosing and treating diabetes and promoting awareness and education about diabetes and its complications; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States 23.6 million people, or 7.8 percent of the total population, are affected by diabetes – including 63,500 adults in Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, Type 1 Diabetes is a chronic disease in which there are high levels of glucose in the blood and although Type 1 Diabetes can occur at any age, it is most often diagnosed in children, adolescents, or young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, despite active research, Type 1 Diabetes has no cure, although it can be managed and with proper treatment people who have Type 1 Diabetes can expect to live longer, healthier lives than in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, SLAMDiabetes seeks to expand awareness outside the Type 1 Diabetes community, broaden support for the fight against Type 1 Diabetes, and energize the Type 1 Diabetes community to take bold, new initiatives to raise awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the first SLAMDiabetes 2012 Rhode Island Wiffle Ball Tournament will take place on August 11, 2012; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim August 11th, 2012 as SLAMDiabetes Day and urge all Rhode Islanders to join me in recognizing the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

A. Ralph Mellis  
Secretary of State